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The following remarks attributed to French Cardinal Eugene Tisserant, can be taken, according to source, as the top level opinion of the Vatican toward the Mouvement Republicain Populaire and the "Rassemblement du Peuple Francais."

1. M.R.P. : This party's position is particularly bad. It pretends to be the heir of the philosophy of Marc Sangnier, whose doctrine was principally based on an eminently Christian formula; "Stronger than hate", which attained considerable success, in opposition to marxism, which is based on class-struggle--therefore, founded on hate.
2. According to authoritative circles, it does not appear that the M.R.P., which has become a government party, had applied this formula. On the contrary, it has manifested a sectarianism and a partisan spirit, both of which have been severely criticised, and its compromises with the Communists, the yearning to share power along with them that continues to obscure its members, result in its being held in bad repute here.
3. The facts are these:
 - a)-The case of Mr. Valerio Valeri still rankles. The Pope wished to have him in Paris. It was a matter of prestige and of personal influence. At the end of 1944, he had sent an Ambassador Extraordinary to Paris. M. de Gaulle was not the most rabid enemy of Mr. Valerio Valeri. Three Ministers of the M.R.P., Bidault, de Manthon, and P. H. Teitgen, showed themselves to be the most violent, in an opposition which bordered on sheer hate.
 - b)-The position of this party concerning Spain, its antagonism toward that country, have only served to increase the Vatican's low esteem for a policy which is characterized unhesitatingly as stupid.
 - c)-The MRP's reticence in regard to Germany, its sly maneuvers against the Schuman plan, which is considered highly here, are well known.
 - d)-In the matter of purging and pardons, this movement, which claims to be inspired by Christian ideals, is even more harshly condemned. The unprecedented measures, by which Thorez and Marty benefitted, are contrasted to the injustices which a great many Frenchmen are suffering, and which the RPF, forgetting that hate ought not to lie at the basis of a country's

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life, have allowed to continue. The words of P. R. Bellon, calling Bobespierre, Danton, and others, children in comparison to him, are not forgotten at the Center of Christianity (the Vatican), that is to say, the center of goodness and of justice.

4. It is generally considered that there can be no question of some sort of assimilation between the F.R.P. and the Italian Christian Democracy. The former is without doctrine, ready to ape Communism in the field of democracy. Its comradely attitude at the time of the debate on electoral reform, its reservations, its contributions and a little toward causing it to lose the slight degree of prestige that it might have enjoyed.

5. F.R.P.—The chief is not liked, his paragon attitude, the eagerness of his declarations, all make an unfavorable impression. He seems to make no effort to separate him with his policy. However, several of his statements, on Germany, on French unity, have attracted attention, and it is believed that they create some use of his leadership.

6. He is usually considered a policy politician, whose favorable circumstances have thereby placed, by a sort of happy chance, in the center of history.

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